

A. Amendments to the Drawings

Figures 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 21, 27 and 29 have been amended to address the errors found by the Examiner. More specifically,

Figure 4: The lowermost "28" has been deleted.

Figure 5: A lead line has been added to "46".

Figure 6: Reference number "64" has been changed to "74".

Figure 7: Reference number "52" has been added.

Figure 9: Reference number "84" has been changed to "82".

Figure 13: The lead line for reference number "80" has been extended. A lead line has been added for "106". Reference item "105" has been added.

Figure 21: Reference number "94" has been changed to "59" and reference number "96" has been changed to "78".

Figure 27: The lowermost reference number "250" and its lead line have been deleted.

Figure 27: Reference number "270" has been changed to "271".

Replacement figures which incorporate the changes are included with this Amendment. A marked up copy is attached as an Appendix to this Amendment.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for pointing out such errors and approval of the proposed changes to the drawings is respectfully requested.

D. Remarks

In the above-noted Office Action, Claims 1-5 and 7-17 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome minor informalities.

Claims 1 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections.

Claims 19-21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The declaration was found defective because non-initialed and/or non-dated alterations were made. A new declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is included with this Amendment.

With this Amendment, Applicants have also made corrections to the drawings, specification and claims. Reconsideration and reexamination of the rejected claims are respectfully requested.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 in that there was a lack of antecedent basis for the limitation in the claim of "a latch connection." Applicants respectfully submit that the term "latch connection" is amply described in paragraph [0051] of the specification, which provides antecedent basis therefor.

Claim 18 recites the limitation of "an insert type" of door. An insert type of door is described in paragraphs [0007] and [0056] of the specification. An insert type door is one in which the door fits within a gap provided by the door opening, versus a limousine type door, which overlaps the door opening. Applicants respectfully submit that this is explained in paragraphs [0007] and [0056] and also represented in Figure 24 of the drawings.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for pointing out the errors in the application and appreciate the Examiner's professionalism and courtesy. Appropriate corrections have been made and as the application is otherwise in condition for allowance, such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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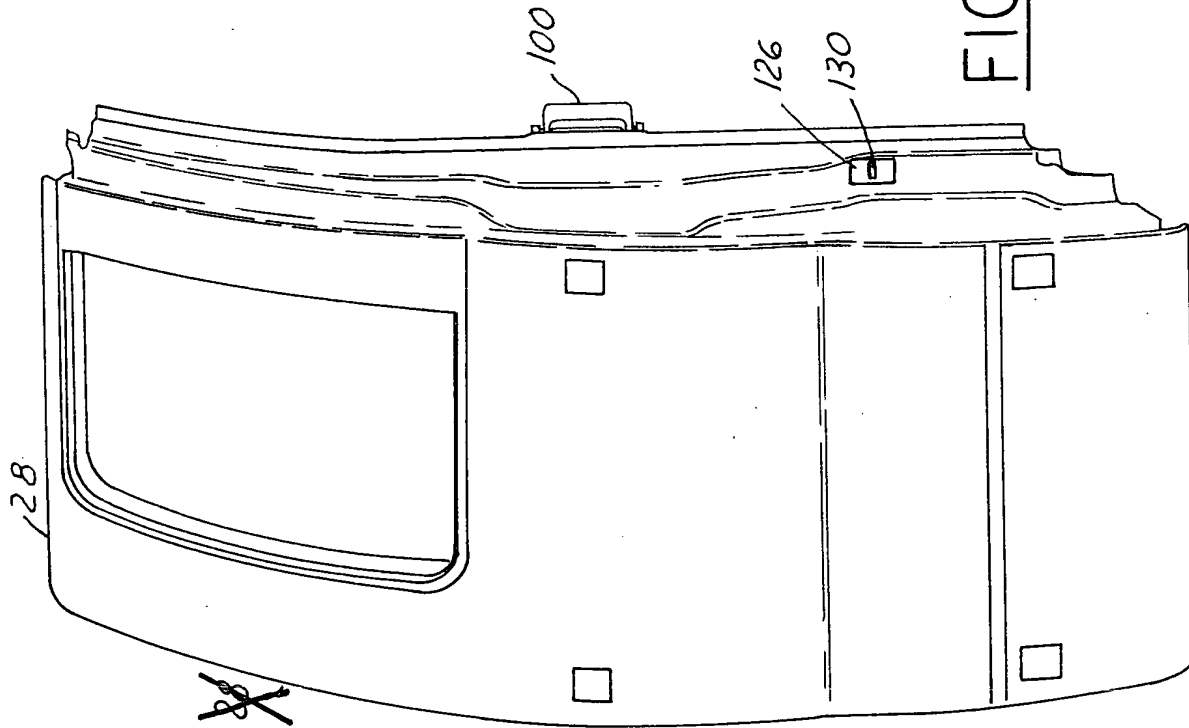


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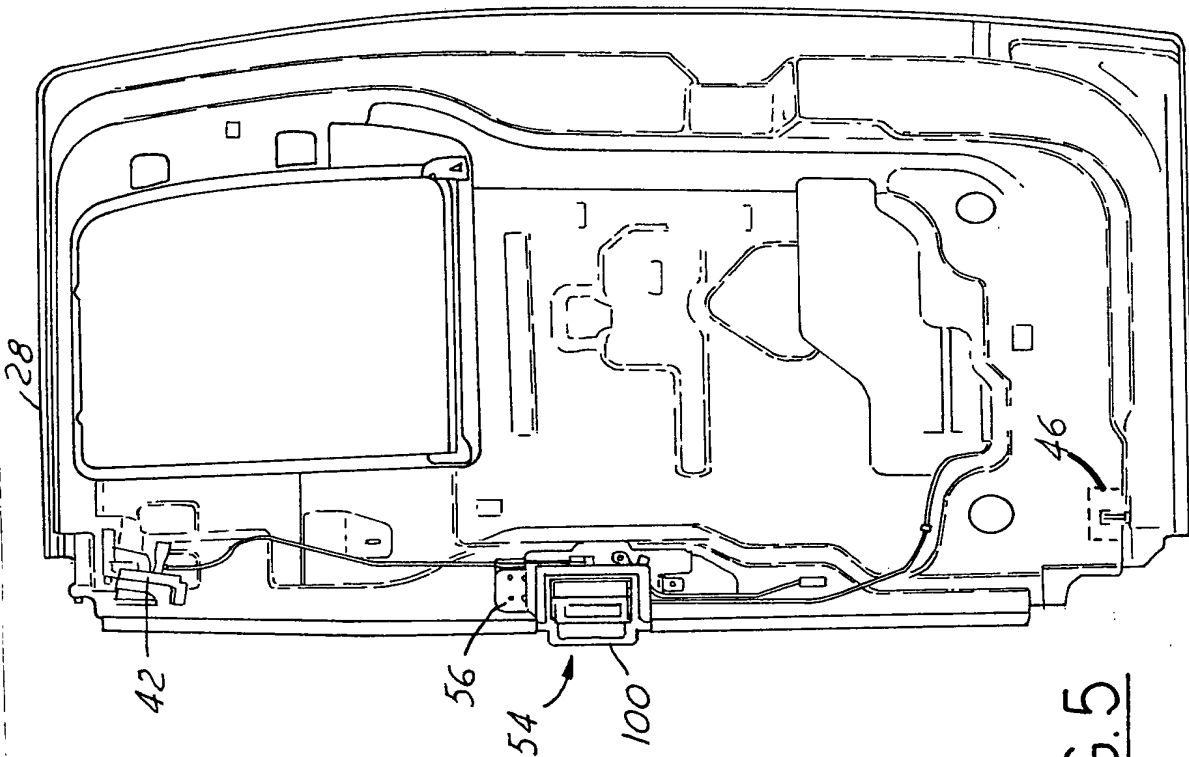
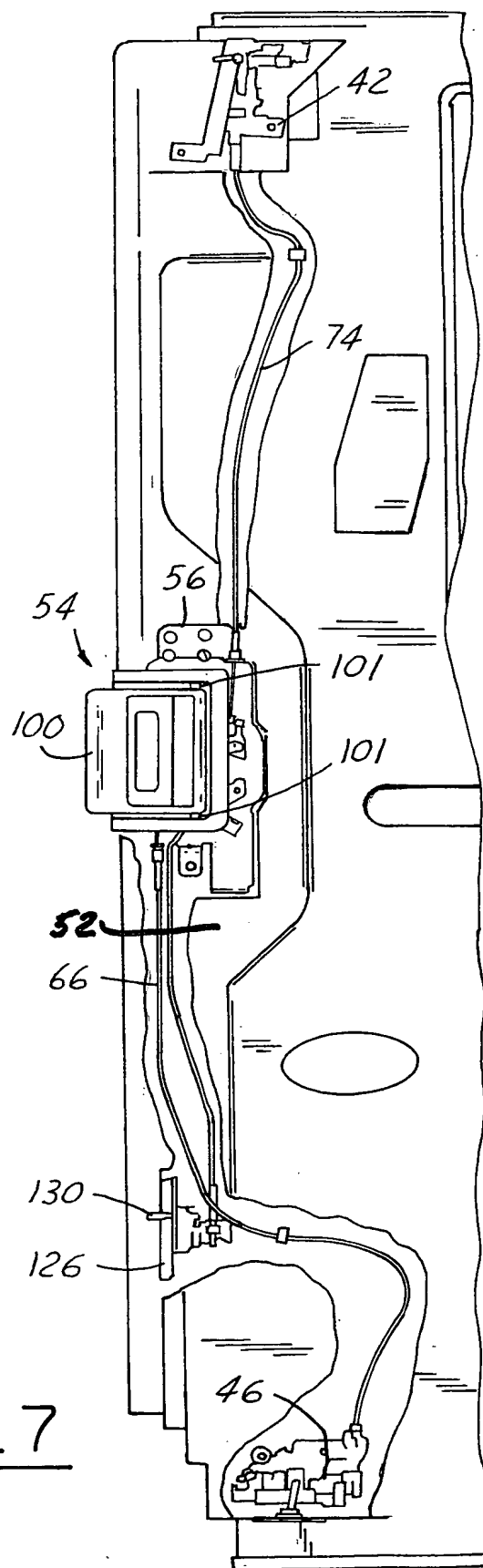
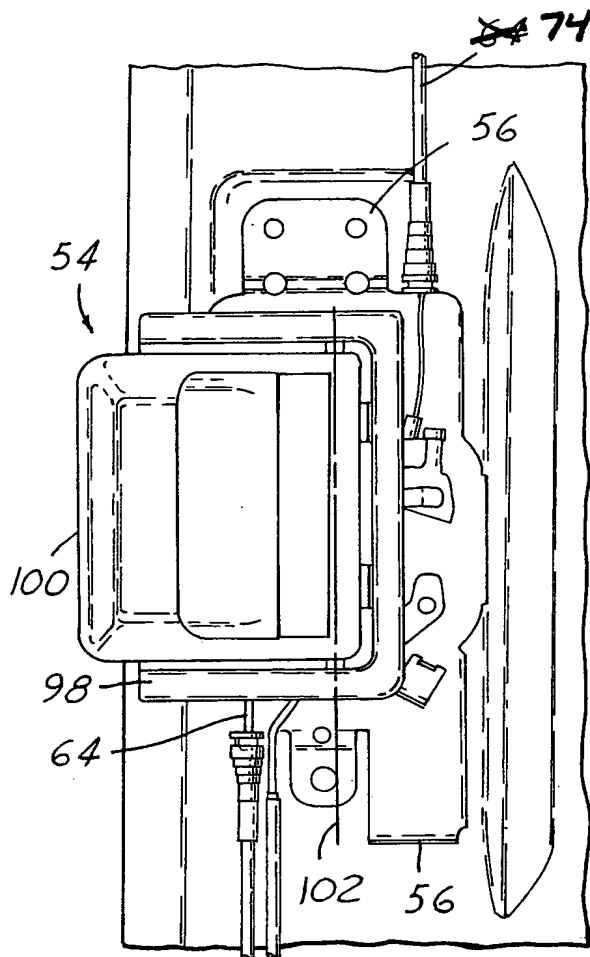


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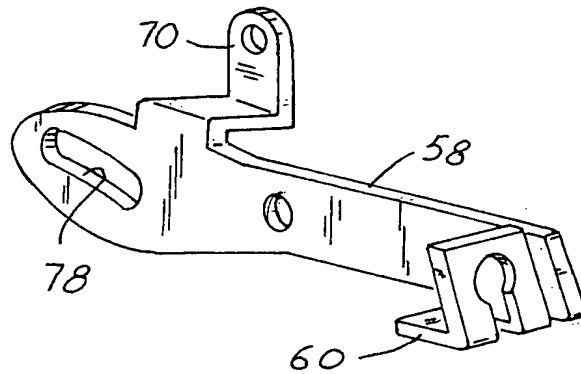


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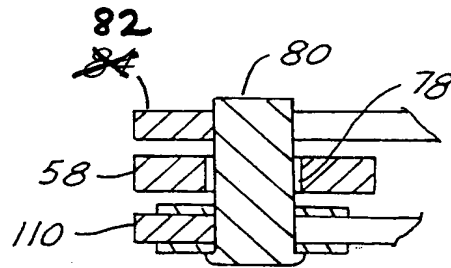


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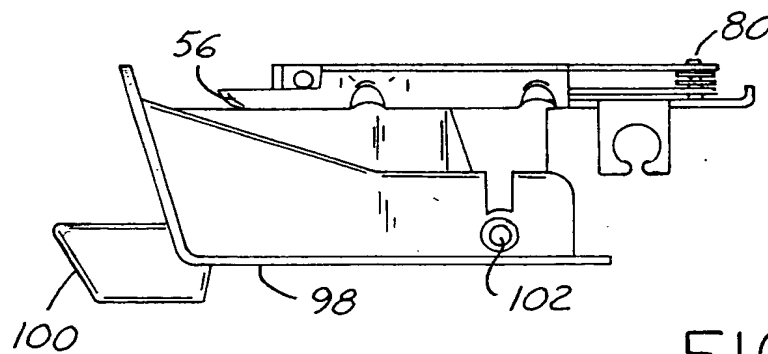


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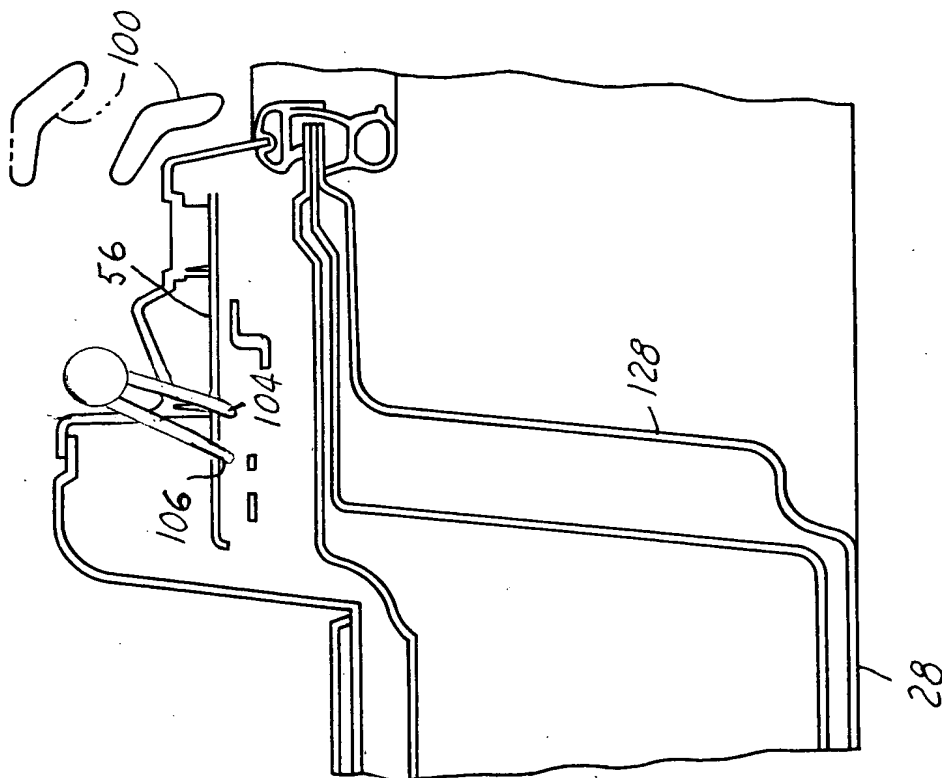


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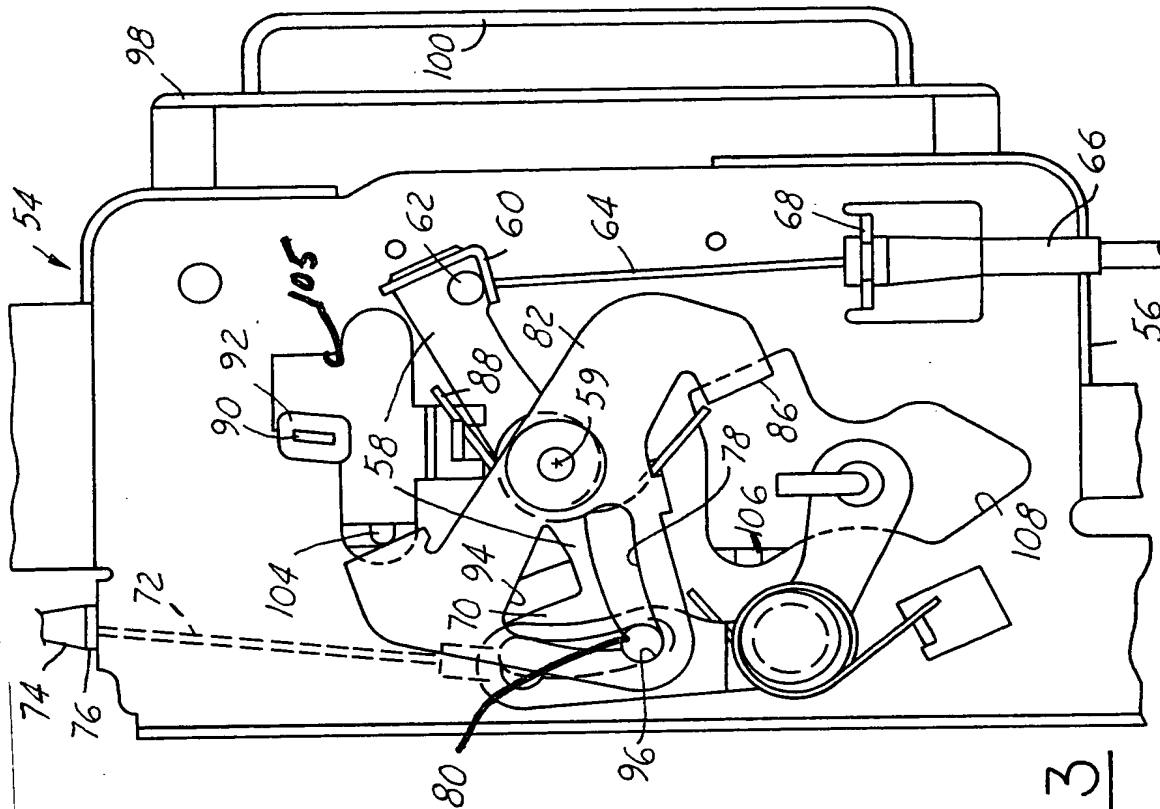


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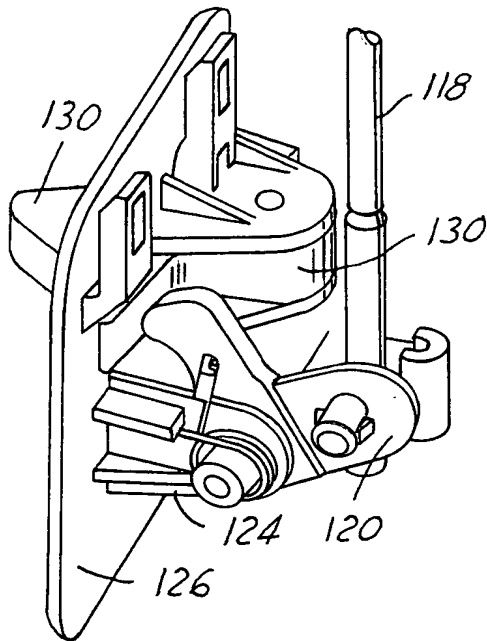


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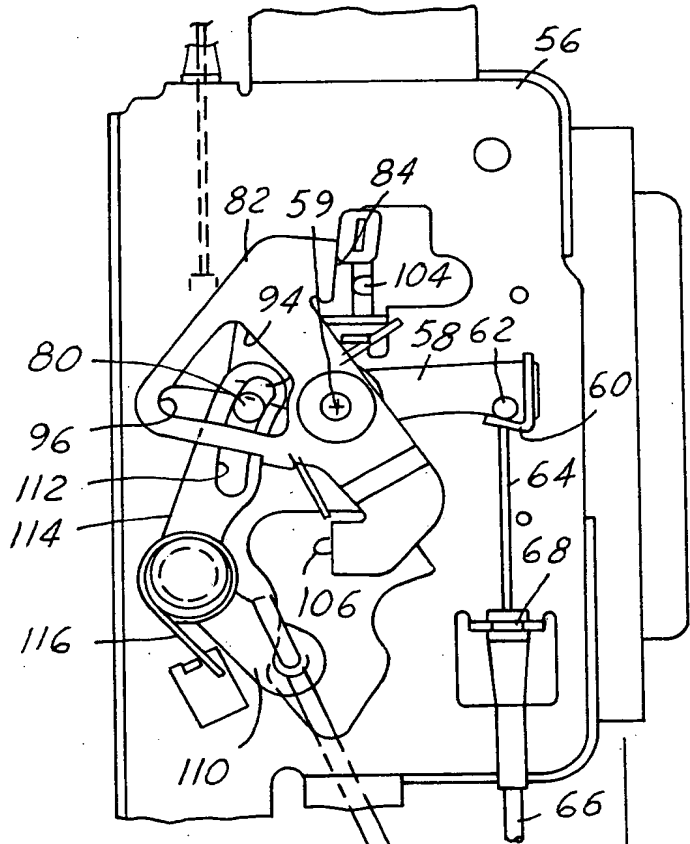


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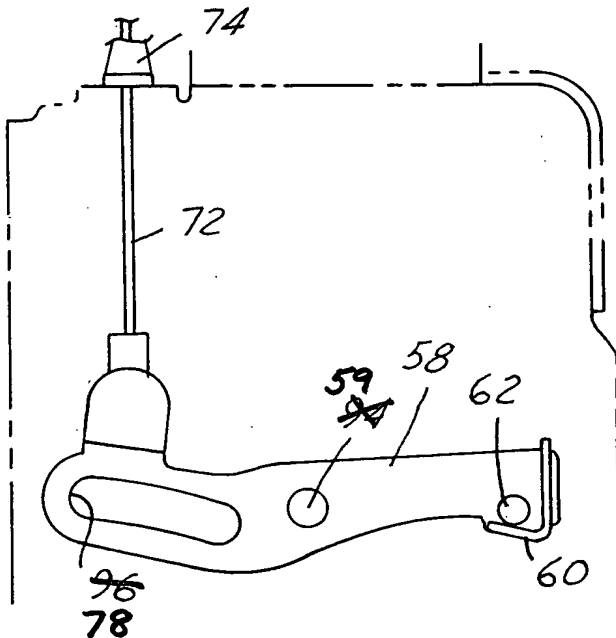
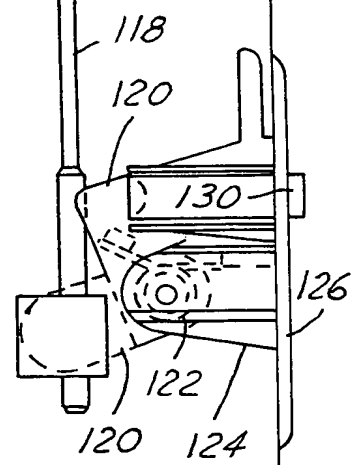


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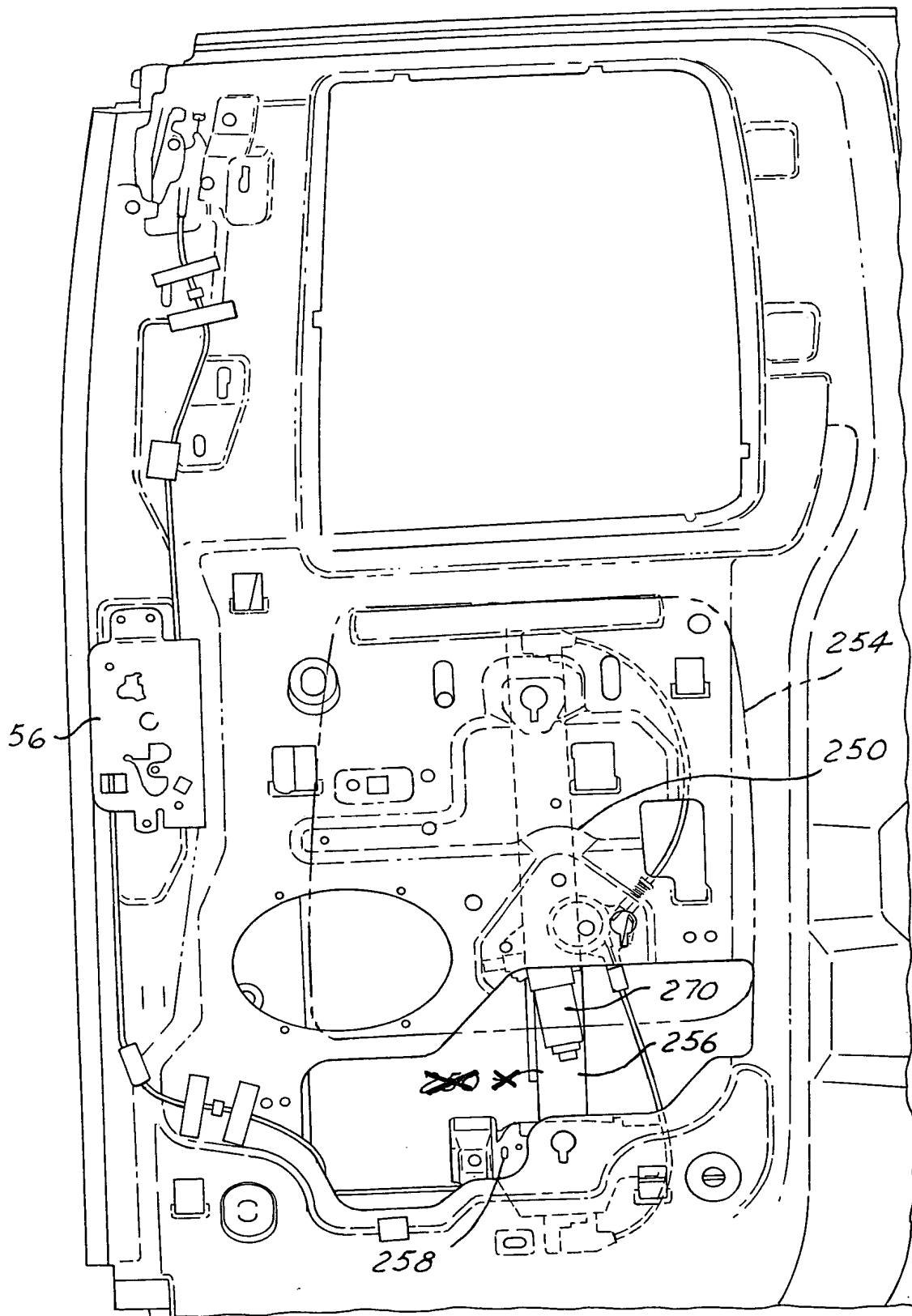


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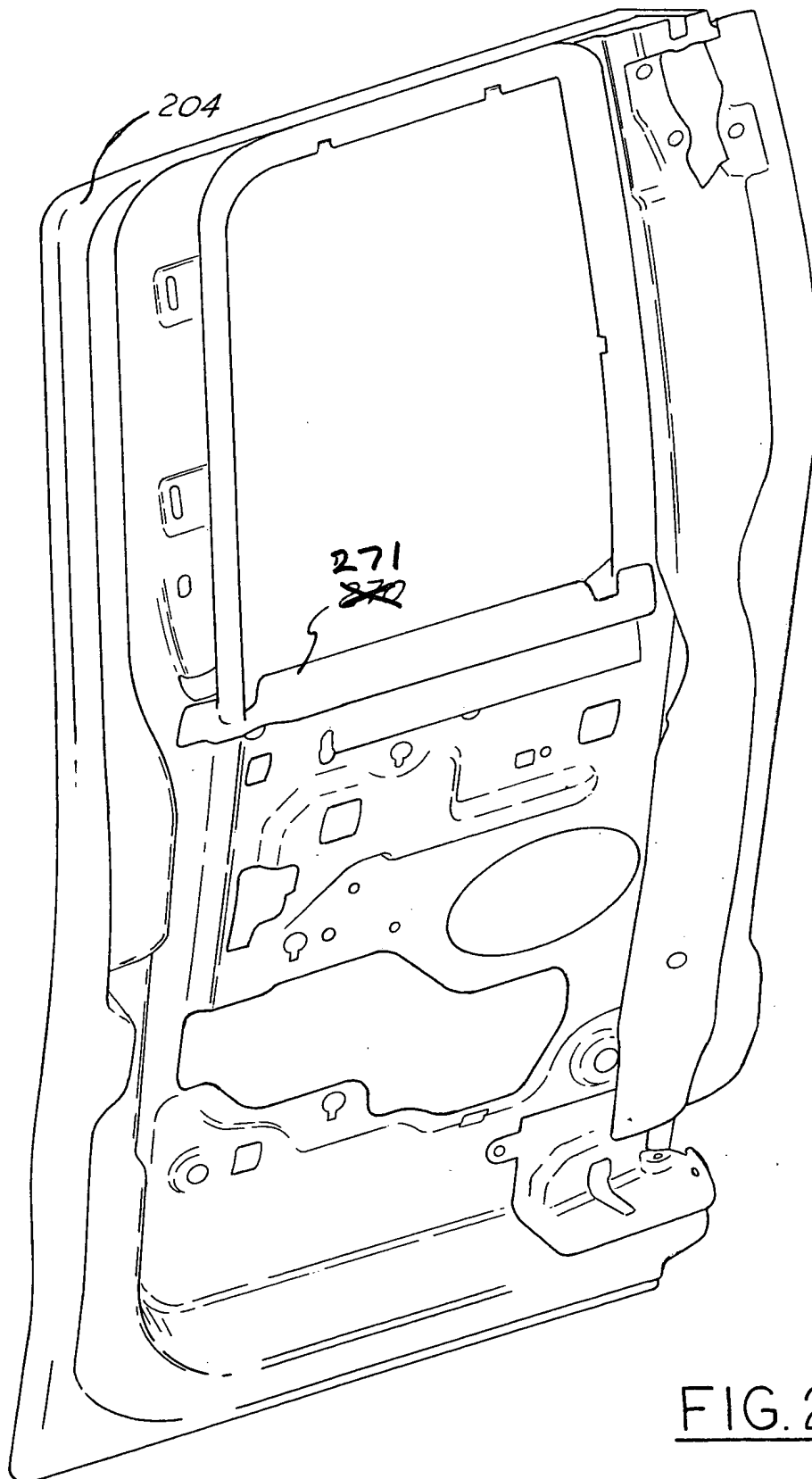


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